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SUBJECT: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA

REF: STATE 197244 AND RABAT 4036, 4399

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON SECOND SECRETARY CHOI OF ROK
EMBASSY OCT 5 TO DISCUSS KOREAN QUESTION AT UNGA.
HE PROVIDED CHOI WITH LIST OF AFRICAN NATIONS SPONSORING
OPPOSITION RESOLUTION AND WITH DEPT'S AND ROK'S LISTS
OF NATIONS FAVORABLE TO FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. CHOI
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION.

2. IN DISCUSSING MOROCCAN ATTITUDE TOWARD KOREAN
QUESTION, CHOI SAID HIS AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN SURPRISED
WHEN FONMIN BENHIMA TOLD HIM GOM WOULD SUPPORT FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION (RABAT 4399). HE CONCURRED IN EMBOFF'S
VIEW THAT MOROCCANS MIGHT CHANGE THEIR POSITION IF THEY
SAW THAT MOST AFRICAN DELEGATIONS WERE SUPPORTING
OPPOSITION, AND NOTED THAT THERE WAS PRECEDENT FOR SUCH
A SHIFT. EMBOFF ALSO POINTED OUT THAT NOT ALL MEMBERS
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OF MOROCCO'S UNGA DELEGATION WERE FAVORABLE TO OUR

POSITION (RABAT 4036).

3. CHOI EXPRESSED SOME SUPRISE THAT WE SHOULD LIST TUNISIA ONLY AS A NATION WHICH "MIGHTBE AMENABLE TO SUPPORT OUR RESOLUTION." HE NOTED THAT WHEN ROK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM VISITED TUNIS IN AGUST, BOTH BOURGUIBA AND FONMIN MASMOUDI HAS ASSURED HIM THEY SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF TWO KOREAS IN UN.

4. WE DO NOT BELIEVE MUCH CAN BE DONE TO FURTHER INFLUENCE MOROCCANS IN RABAT. AS WE HAVE NOTED PREVIOUSLY, GOM DELEGATION AT UN OPERATES WITH ONLY MINIMAL GUIDANCE FROM HERE. SINCE KOREAN QUESTION IS NOT OF VITAL INTEREST TO GOM, WE BELIEVE DELEGATION WILL HAVE CONSIDERABLE DISCRETION TO VOTE AS IT PLEASES ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS.
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